On Putting together a UC Irvine Collegiate Cycling Race

- Road Closure: If it is on campus, you can get full road closure with the campus Special Events Parking folks (http://www.separking.uci.edu). Work with the Director of Club Sports to get this done, as it lends your request credibility. You have to use their ‘professional’ traffic directors at $15 per hour per person and $50 for barricading, but it is much cheaper than police and then you don’t need to find volunteers for the traffic direction jobs. BTW, I like the ‘Anthill Crit’ course on Bison/Health Sciences/California, as it creates no traffic problems on weekends. All in all, they cost us ~$300.

- Toilets: I used Trojan portables services. It cost $95 per day per unit. They drop them off on Friday and don’t pick up until Monday so if you are sneaky maybe you can do something where you use them all weekend for the price of one day? It took two units to do a collegiate-only crit.

- Haybales: Nice to have but not required on most courses. You can rent them for $3 each per day from Yorba Linda Feed Store (714.524.3222), but you have to leave a $7 deposit each. They don’t deliver.

- Things easily accessible from the ARC:
  - Easy-up tents – borrow as many as you are willing to carry to your site – I used two, but wished I had at least three
  - Portable tables – Heavy but very useful. I used two and that was fine.
  - Walkie-Talkies – We weren’t organized enough to use them well, but it would have been nice if we were. Try to borrow the good ones from the Director of Club Sports, but don’t lose them.
  - Hand counter – not necessary, but nice for a high lap count crit such as ours was.
  - Cash box
  - Plastic chairs to sit on.

- You can borrow a finish line camera from the WCCC, but I couldn’t get it to work very well. It seemed to have all the features needed but the resolution didn’t end up being high enough to read the numbers off at speed. If you go this route again, I would suggest using a digital camera with a fast refresh rate in conjunction or renting a faster setup from the SCNCA.

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